



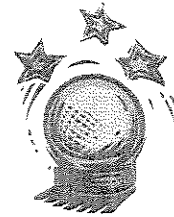
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Vision Statement



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Verbatim:

- 'I feel this is very important, but also wonder can we (the people) really make a difference'
- 'Good turn out of people the involvement of the public will be very helpful, it was a good meeting'
- 'Please leave the island at status quo there is no need to change anything—keep the vision of a more simple life'
- 'Please use the info and input from this meeting as is. Don't misrepresent the general opinions given'

The vision statement expresses citizens' aspirations for the future of Stock Island and Key Haven. It is written from the perspective of a community member in 2024 observing what the current community character is and reflects the changes that have occurred in the past 20 years. The changes will be guided by the goals, objectives, and policies of the Stock Island - Key Haven Livable CommuniKeys Plan.

After reviewing the responses to the exercises and the comment cards a DRAFT vision statement was developed. This statement will be formally presented for discussion at the next Livable CommuniKeys Meeting. This vision statement will be used as a guide for preparing the Livable CommuniKeys Neighborhood Plan and as a guide

for future planning activities in your community.

By 2024 we envision Stock Island and Key Haven as: A diverse island community rich in residential, commercial, cultural, and recreational opportunities; where families and friends live and work together in vibrant neighborhoods. A place that maintains an affordable cost of living for people of all income levels with an emphasis on housing; that fosters a sustainable, local economy consisting of a working waterfront and a distinctive mix of commercial and industrial activities that complement the community; where recreational and community facilities enhance the cultural fabric of the neighborhoods; where its citizens understand the importance of and acknowledge the responsibility to protect our vital natural resources; where a strong sense of civic pride contributes to an ever improving quality of life.

Visioning Workshop - A Success!

Thank You!!!! To all those who attended the November 2003 Livable CommuniKeys Visioning Meeting. There were over 100 people in attendance! The positive attitudes and willingness to cooperate with cramped

conditions really made a difference. Without the help of the community this project could not happen. There will be several other public forums available for you to voice your opinion about the future of the is-

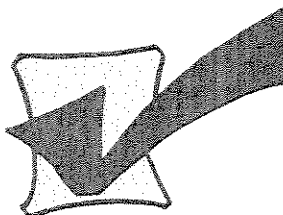
land. If you made it to the first meeting we look forward to seeing you at the next meeting and if you were unable to make it to the first meeting come out to the second meeting, let your voice be heard!

Community Survey

This issue of the newsletter contains a community survey. This survey will help us produce a document that will represent the population as a whole. The questions in the survey allow each person to voice an opinion on the quality of life and specific issues that are associated with your community.

This survey will be a tool used to further refine the wants and needs

of the community.



Copies of the survey will be available on the Monroe County website www.co.monroe.fl.us. Please only submit one survey per person. This will help ensure that results are not skewed and proper attention can be given to each issue.

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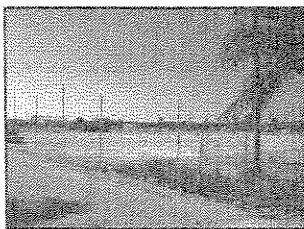


There is a threatened and endangered species named for the island; The Stock Island Tree Snail.

- Lives in hammocks, and refuses to inhabit invasive exotics such as Brazilian Pepper.
- Is dormant during dry season when the snail secretes a fluid that cements its shell to the tree for protection.
- Saw major habitat destruction during the historic activity of cattle grazing, for which the Island and snail are named.

Around Town - Affordable Housing on Stock Island

As witnessed in the neighborhoods and at the community meeting one of the unique attributes of Stock Island is the availability of affordable housing. Residents have made it known that one of the reasons that they live in Stock Island is the affordability of housing and that one of the dislikes is the diminishing availability of affordable housing.



While there are fears that the affordable housing stock will

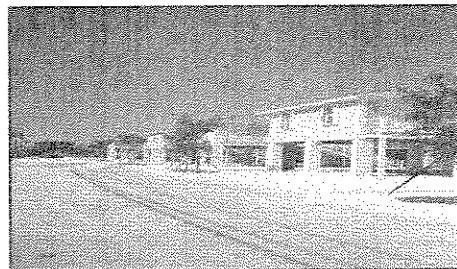
be diminished, there are several affordable housing developments currently being constructed or being considered on Stock Island.

Everyone is aware of the redevelopment of the dog track property into 102 multi-family units, but there are also several other developments that are in the pipeline. The following projects are or will be starting construction.

Monroe County Housing Authority: The 5th Ave and Cross St. project consists of 9 duplexes equaling 18 new units. All of the units have affordable housing covenants.

Maloney Avenue: The project at the intersection of Maloney Ave. and Peninsular Ave. consists of 18 affordable attached dwelling units. The project will also include accessory uses such as a community club house and pool.

Urban Residential Block: At preliminary meetings concerning the



vacant parcels of land at the intersections of Cross St and Seventh St. the applicant proposed 45 affordable housing units to be placed on the land. No application for this development has been submitted.

There are several more vacant parcels of land throughout the community, which have the potential for housing, but at the time of this publication, no inquiries or applications have been submitted.



Visioning Results

The following are the results that were tallied from the November 13, 2003 CommuniKeys Meeting. More detailed information and graphs will be presented at the March 25, 2004 LCP Meeting.

Favorite Places

The top three favorite places in numerical order are:

Home, the Rusty Anchor, and Bernstein Park.

While the top three favorite places are all from different categories, commercial landmarks are the overall favorite places in the community. Commercial landmarks include restaurants, retail stores, and any other use described as commercial.

Dislikes

The top three dislikes of the community are:

Drugs, Illegal dumping, and No rec-

reation for children.

These are all areas of the community that are important to the residents and were clearly the top three dislikes about the area.

Why Here?

The top three reasons why people live in the community are:

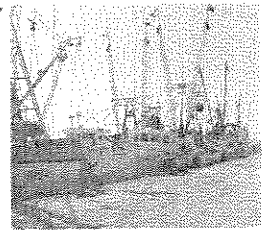
Sense of community, Diversity, and Commercial fishing.

The reasons why people live in the community are as diverse as the population. While, there was not a clear leader for all of the reasons for being here, like the other exercises, it is apparent that the community itself is the reason people live and work in Stock Island and Key Haven. With help from the community and continued input at meetings, we hope to provide not only a written document to guide development, but also an increased quality of life for the community.

Live-Aboard Buzz

In the last few months live-aboard vessels have become a hot topic throughout Stock Island. We would like to clarify a few points.

- A live-aboard study was conducted in 1990, which provided a list of marinas hosting live-aboard vessels.
- Current regulations do not allow any new live-aboard vessels without receiving a ROGO allocation. The County is enforcing this regulation.
- Staff is not and has not targeted long term live-aboard slips. We are studying the issue of how to address new live-aboard slips.
- The County is working on developing new marina and live-aboard regulations.



What's Next - WRT Update

The consulting team of Wallace Roberts & Todd, LLC (WRT) is gearing up to start the planning process for the Harbor Preservation/Redevelopment Area and Corridor Enhancement Plan. Due to the complexity of issues, and the diversity of groups that have a concern in the future of the area, WRT designed its approach to seek broad community support, build consensus, and foster community ownership of the plan through an interactive, transparent planning process.

WRT and County Staff will be gathering data in the community in the coming weeks. After the initial data collection, workshops and charrettes will be conducted at key points during the process to encourage input, review and feedback from the public. The exact dates of these events have yet to be determined, but they will be announced in future issues of this newsletter, as well as through press releases and flyers.

March Meeting

March 25, 2004 is the next LCP meeting. The meeting will focus on gathering detailed information for future community facilities and to unveil the community vision. The meeting will be held at the Florida Keys Community College Room P 202 A&B from 7 to 9 PM. A Spanish translator will be available. If you have any questions feel free to contact Mo Meehan at 289-2500 or at meehan-maureen@monroecounty-fl.gov.